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Dear Sir:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a final office action on August 27, 2003. A response was due November 27, 2003. Applicants are concurrently requesting a two-month extension of time. Therefore, a response is now due January 27, 2004. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-12, 16-19, and 22-26, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.